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SIX-PARTY TALKS SECOND PHASE COMMITMENTS

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(C) On June 27, Emboffs met with MFA Asia, Africa, and Pacific Division Minister Plenipotentiary Jasna Lhotka to solicit the Slovenian EU Presidency's reaction to the US lifting the application of the Trading with the Enemy Act (TWEA) on North Korea and North Korean's submission of a declaration of its nuclear programs, per reftel. Lhotka welcomes the move because lifting the sanctions demonstrates progress and the EU wants the process to continue. Lhotka emphasized that the main objective for everyone is to see a denuclearized Korean peninsula. Lhotka commented that it is good the US is "showing benevolence" in this process, and hopes it will persist. Lhotka also hopes that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will be more involved, as more can be done about peace arrangements in the future. Note: as previewed by Lhotka, on June 30, the Slovenian Presidency issued a declaration on behalf of the EU on the Six Party Talks process.

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